

REMARKS/ARGUMENTSI. Introduction

Claims 1-23 are pending. Claims 1-23 stand allowed. Accordingly, only allowed claims are now pending. Since only allowed claims are pending it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 24-26 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite the issuance of the present application. The cancellation of claims 24-26 is not to be interpreted as agreement with the Examiner's position that these claims were directed to non-patentable subject matter. Applicants preserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuation application should Applicants decide to do so.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable and that the Application is in condition for allowance.

In the event that there are any outstanding issues which need to be resolved before the Examiner can allow the present application, it is requested that the Examiner call Applicant's undersigned representative to discuss said issues. To the extent necessary, a petition

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for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made and any required fee is authorized to be charged to the deposit account of Straub & Pokotylo, deposit account number 50-1049.

Respectfully submitted,

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